an>

Title: Regarding bringing journalists working in Television industry within the purview of working Journalists Act, 1955.

PROF. K.V. THOMAS (ERNAKULAM): Television as an industry was non-existent when the Working Journalists Act, 1955 was enacted. Journalist and non-journalist employees in the TV industry and its various off-shoots, including web portals run by TV channels, do not come under its ambit while journalist and non-journalist employees in the newspaper industry and news agencies enjoy the protection of Working Journalists' Act and are assured of periodic wage revision through the mechanism of Wage Boards appointed from time to time. There is no such protective shield for their counterparts in the TV industry.

So, I would request the Government to take immediate steps so that the journalists, who are working in the television industry, are also being protected.